

In the claims:

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- 25     20. (Original) A fiber-containing cement composition, comprising a hydraulic cement  
base and a natural mineral fiber; wherein said natural mineral fiber is present in an  
amount greater than about 10% by weight of cement; wherein said natural mineral fiber is  
also present in said fiber-containing cement composition in an amount selected to be  
effective so as to result in a cement slurry and a cured cement composition formed from  
30     said cement slurry having a ratio of flexural strength to compressive strength that is

greater than or equal to about 0.35 when said cement slurry is exposed to a temperature of greater than about 180°F; and wherein said natural mineral fiber comprises at least one calcium silicate natural mineral fiber.

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21. (Original) The fiber-containing cement composition of claim 20, wherein said calcium silicate natural mineral fiber comprises at least one of wollastonite, pyrophyllite, almagatolite, or a mixture thereof.

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22. (Original) The fiber-containing cement composition of claim 20, wherein said calcium silicate natural mineral fiber comprises wollastonite.

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23. (Original) The fiber-containing cement composition of claim 22, wherein said hydraulic cement base comprises Portland Cement.